

USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

Committee Name: Rules	Session #: 2
Committee Chair: Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair: Kathy Casey
Minutes recorded by: Mollie Grover	Date/time of meeting: Friday 9/15/2017 8:00 am CT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to recommend R-9 to the HOD.
2. MSA to recommend R-15 as amended to the HOD.
3. MSA to recommend R-6 as amended to the HOD.
4. MSA to reconsider R-19 with new language from the Championship Committee.
5. MSA to recommend R-19 as amended to the HOD.

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: 13
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Kathy Casey, Mollie Grover, Christina Fox, Rand Vaillancourt, Laura Groselle, Barb Protzman, Karen Harris, Carolyn Boak, Steve Unruh, Jessica Seaton, Claire Letendre		
Ex Officio: Meg Smath, Brian Albright, Ed Tsuzuki		
Committee Members Absent: Brian Hoyt, Marilyn Fink, Chris Lysinger, Matt Hooper, Chris Colburn		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am CT.

1. Meeting minutes from Rules meeting #1 on 9/14/2017 were approved.
2. Charles then moved on to the proposals that would dealt with in this meeting (R-9, R-14, R-15, and R-6).
 - a. R-9 – Removing watches for USMS records
 - a.i. MS (Kathy/Rand) to recommend the proposal to the HOD. Charles explained the history behind this change, which is intended to align USMS record requirements with FINA record requirements. Charles then illustrated the impact of this change – in 2016, less than 1.5% of USMS records (0.56% set with watches, 0.97% set with semi-automatic) were set with anything less than automatic timing. As a point of reference, FINA made the change with roughly 5% of records set with anything less than automatic timing.
 - a.ii. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of this on smaller meets, and potentially discouraging attendance at smaller meets who do not have access to pads. Charles then mentioned that the Championship Committee is in favor of this change, along with Records and Tabulation. Charles clarified that this does not impact the ability to set Top 10 times with semi-automatic and manual primary timing systems.
 - a.iii. Motion passed to recommend R-9 to the HOD (11 yeas, 1 nay).
 - b. R-14 – Mixing Timing Systems
 - b.i. MS (Kathy/Rand) to recommend the proposal to the HOD. Charles explained the background of this change and the inequity in timing system requirements. Kathy stated that she is not in favor of this proposal, as the proposal mixes timing systems, which is not allowed. Charles then further explained that, in order to have the 3rd button, a second timing cable is required, which is expensive.
 - b.ii. Motion failed to recommend R-14 to the HOD.
 - c. R-15 – Language addition to meet entry forms regarding timing systems

- c.i. MS (Kathy/Rand) to recommend the proposal to the HOD. Charles explained that this proposal would require additional language on meet entry forms stating if the timing system allows for records to be set. Charles then shared rewritten language that was drafted in conjunction with the Legislation Committee and asked for a sense of the committee on the new language. Discussion ensued regarding the new language.
 - c.ii. MS (Kathy/Claire) to add “world records” to the last line of the new language. Motion passed. Peter Guadagni (Pacific) then asked for boilerplate language that would be able to be added to meet announcements. Charles stated that the committee can work with Legislation to draft applicable language.
 - c.iii. Discussion then ensued regarding blending the original language and the new language. MS (Laura/Karen) to add back “If a change in primary timing system is necessary, the meet director must ensure that all swimmers are notified of the change.” to the new language. Kathy brought up additional language may be needed for clarity in when swimmers need to be notified of the change. MS (Kathy/Rand) to add “before or during the meet” after “necessary” and change “must” to “shall” in the above sentence. Both amendments passed. Meg then asked if the corresponding language from the Legislation Committee should be considered an indivisible package with this proposal. The feeling of the committee is that each committee can deal with the language individually.
 - c.iv. Charles then asked for a vote on the amended proposal. Motion passed to recommend R-15 as amended to the HOD.
- d. R-6 – Dual Sanctioned Meets
- d.i. MS (Kathy/Rand) to recommend the proposal to the HOD. Charles gave some background on various issues concerning dual sanctioned meets, which typically boil down to what triggers a meet to be dual sanctioned. Furthermore, as the dual sanction agreement in in Appendix B (which no committee has jurisdiction over), there is no way for the chair to issue interpretations on the agreement. Charles then showed new language that was drafted after a ad hoc committee discussion on Thursday (Charles, Kathy, Mollie, Matt, Leo Letendre).
 - d.ii. MS (Kathy/Mollie) to recommend replacing the new language with the originally proposed language. An additional change was made to clarify that “organization” is referring to either USMS or USA Swimming. Motion passed.
 - d.iii. Charles then opened discussion on the whole proposal. Some discussion was had regarding daily event limits. Charles deferred that discussion to a later Rules meeting. Motion passed to recommend R-6 as amended to the HOD.
3. Charles then asked for the committee to reconsider R-19, at the request of the Championship Committee. MS (Kathy/Rand) to reconsider R-19 as proposed by the Championship Committee.
- a. Carolyn gave the committee the new language for consideration. The substantive change to the proposal is require both the chair of the Championship Committee and the chair of the Officials Committee to approve the meet referee. MS (Kathy/Carolyn) to accept the amended language from the Championship Committee. Brian expressed concerns that the original discussion with the Championship Committee did not indicate that there were issues with the originally proposed language.
 - b. Motion passed to accept amended language offered by the Championship Committee (7 yeas, 4 nays). Charles then asked for a vote for the newly ammended language. Motion passed to recommend R-19 as amended to the HOD (7 yeas, 4, nays).

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am CT.
